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SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN BUSINESS IN LAOS

1. AMERICANS WITH INVESTMENT IN COMPANIES REGISTERED IN LAOS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE EXPROPRIATION OF THEIR HOLDINGS BY LAO GOVERNMENT. THEY WISH TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY STEPS THEY SHOULD NOW TAKE TO INSURE THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A CLAIM THROUGH THE USG AGAINST ANY LAO HOLDINGS IN THE US IN THE EVENT OF EXPROPRIATION. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE INVESTOR SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF HE SHOULD NOW SUBMIT A NOTARIZED LIST OF HIS HOLDINGS TO USG THROUGH U.S. EMBASSY.

2. FYI. TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIVATE U.S. INVESTMENT IN LAOS PROBABLY AMOUNT AT THE VERY MOST TO ONE MISSION#DOLLARS. MAJOR INVESTORS ARE CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICES, INC., WHICH OWNS HOTEL PROPERTY AND COMPOUND IN VIENTIANE AND MANLEY ENTERPRISES, WHICH OWNS REAL PROPERTY,

A FLEET OF VEHICLES AND INTEREST IN SOME OTHER LOCAL VENTURES.
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